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FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, SYNOPSIS 5 STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's (Siting Element) list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. Based on our August 23, 2010, status report to the Board, the reporting frequency was changed from every 60 days to semiannually. This report covers the period from August 1, 2012, through January 31, 2013.

Since our last report dated August 9, 2012, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) concurred with the preliminary draft Siting Element on November 15, 2012, as to content and format, including the removal of Elsmere Canyon and Blind Canyon from the list of potential new landfill sites.

Public Works will be submitting a recommendation to the Board by March 2013 to retain consultant services to prepare the environmental document, assist with public outreach, perform publication and dissemination, and provide technical support services for the preliminary draft Siting Element. Upon preparation of the environmental document, the preliminary draft Siting Element and environmental document will be submitted to the Board for authorization to release for public review in early 2014.

The Siting Element is a long-term solid waste planning and policy document that describes how the County and the cities within the County plan to manage the disposal of their solid waste for a 15-year planning period as required by AB 939. AB 939 also requires the Siting Element to establish goals and policies for the proper planning and siting of landfills, inert waste landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, and

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alternatives to landfill technologies, such as conversion technologies on a Countywide basis.

We will submit the next status report in August 2013. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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cc: Chief Executive Office
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